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Title : NOVEL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ARRAY-BASED NUCLEIC
ACID HYBRIDIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title, beginning on line 1, please insert:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/210,153, filed June 7, 2000. The aforementioned application is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.--

REMARKS

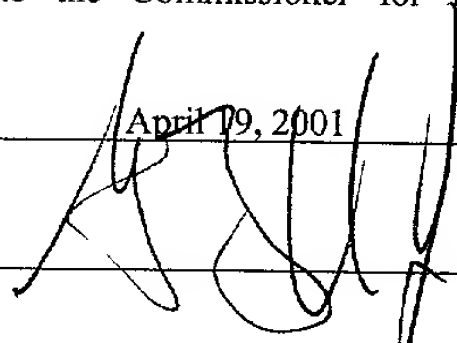
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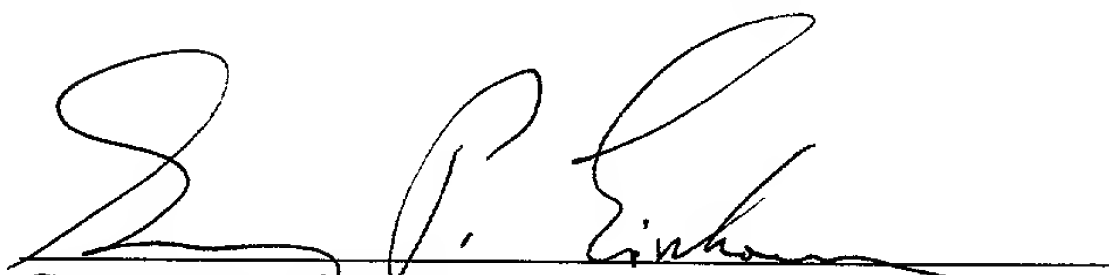
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Applicant asks that all claims be examined.

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Version with markings to show changes made

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Paragraph following title, beginning at page 1, line 1 has been amended to insert the following:

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STATEMENT AS TO FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

This invention was made with Government support under a grant from National Institutes of Health, No. R21 CA83211. The Government may have certain rights in this invention.

TECHNICAL FIELD

This invention relates to molecular biology, genetic diagnostics and nucleic acid array, or "biochip," technology. In particular, the invention provides novel methods and compositions for array-based nucleic acid hybridizations.